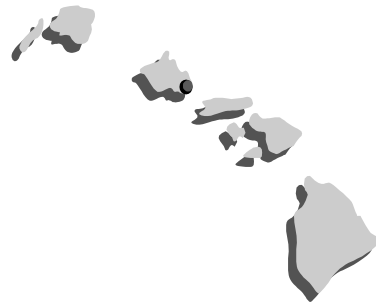




The Hawaii Civil Rights Art Contest



The contest is sponsored by the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC), the Honolulu Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Student Excellence Equity and Diversity (SEED) program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Eligibility

The contest is open to elementary school students in grades 4, 5, and 6.

Prizes

For each grade level: \$50 for the winning student and \$100 for the winning student's class.

Contest Theme

"What can we do in our daily lives to promote civil rights and diversity in our society?"

In conjunction with Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the contest seeks to encourage children to reflect upon Dr. King's life and work, as well as the civil rights movement, and think about what they can do in their daily lives to promote civil rights and diversity. In addition to drawing a picture to illustrate their idea, students must write one or two lines explaining their idea at the bottom of their picture.

In order to participate, students need an understanding about Dr. King and the civil rights movement's struggle to extend civil rights to all people. They will also have to reflect upon what they can do in their own lives to continue his work to promote civil rights and diversity.

Entry Requirements

- All entries must have dimensions no smaller than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches and no larger than 12 inches by 18 inches.
- The sentence(s) explaining the drawing should be clearly visible and not obscured by the artwork.
- Pencils, crayons, pens, markers, or paints may be used. Chalk should not be used because of the smearing concerns.
- No three-dimensional entries. Nothing may be glued, taped, stapled or attached to the entry in any way. Entries cannot be laminated.
- No photographs may be used.
- Computer generated art is prohibited.
- Each student may submit only one entry, and each entry must be the original work of only one student.
- Students should write their name, school, grade, and classroom number on the upper right hand corner on back of their entry

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Judging

There will be two levels of judging. At the first level, teachers in each participating classroom will select the best entry which in their opinion satisfies the theme of the contest. Schools are requested to send in these selected entries from their school to:

Martin Luther King, Jr., Art Contest
Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

- Entries must be received by the HCRC by close of business on **February 15, 2002**.
- At the second level, judges selected by the HCRC, JACL, and SEED will select the entries, which best express, the theme of the contest.
- Once the winner is selected, there will be a ceremony held before spring break to award the prizes to the student and classroom.

General Information and Conditions

- All elementary schools on O'ahu may participate. As this is the first time the contest is being held, it was decided that for logistical and financial reasons, participation would be limited to O'ahu. Next year, we will try to expand the program statewide.
- Only original work will be accepted. Photocopies, photographs or other duplications are prohibited.
- All entries become the property of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. No entries will be returned.
- By entering the contest, participants agree to allow their names, photos and copies of their work to be used for publicity purposes.
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Art Contest images cannot be used without written permission from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.
- The winning entries and other meritorious entries may be displayed at public exhibits, shown on the HCRC website, or reprinted at a later date by the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.
- The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, JACL, and SEED are not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed, or lost during the judging process. Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, or mis-directed mail. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified.
- Entries missing a deadline during the judging process will be disqualified.
- Entries not meeting requirements listed will be disqualified.
- The prize winners will be notified prior to spring break, March 25-28, 2002.
- The contest may be canceled at any time with appropriate notice.
- The contest is void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law.
- By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges.

Suggestions

- The contest should be tied to classroom instruction about Dr. King, the civil rights movement, civil rights in Hawaii, diversity, etc.
- Challenge your students to think about what they can do in their daily lives to make a difference in their school and homes by promoting civil rights and diversity. Students should reflect upon the importance of Dr. King's work and principles and how he changed our world.
- The artwork and the explanation sentence(s) should be tied together and express individual or collective action to promote civil rights.
- Encourage your students to be creative.
- Encourage them to reflect upon the importance of civil rights in our society.
- Encourage them to think about how the actions of an individual or group can make a difference in other people's lives.